(घ) निर्माण कार्य में तेजी लाने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की गई है या करने का विचार है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाईटलर) : (क) जगदलपुर-बस्तर-निजामाबाद खंड को 1989 में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग (रा०रा० 16) के रूप में घोषित किया गया था ।

(ख) मध्य प्रदेश राज्य के लिए दो सड़क तथा एक पुल निर्माण कार्य जिनकी कुल लागत 140.37 लाख रु० की संस्वीकृत किया जा चुका है, और इनका कार्य विभिन्न स्तरों पर किया जा रहा है ।

(ग) तथा (घ) पुल का निर्माण कार्य ठेके को अंतिम रूप देने में विलम्ब के कारण थोड़ा पिछड़ गया है लेकिन अब ठेके पर कार्यवाही शुरू कर दी गई है । कार्य को शीघ्र पूरा करने के लिए इस पर नियमित रूप से निगरानी रखी जा रही है ।

Rapid Transport System in big cities

238. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact tha Government have identified 23 big cities including Delhi to introduce fast moving tram cars, as a Rapid Transport System;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some State Governments have shown interest to introduce this system on BOT basis; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). Enquiries have been received from some State Governments for construction of HST system in their metropolitan cities. However, it is for the respective State Governments to implement the project.

Implementation of development activities in Inland Waterways

239. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government and the Inland Waterways Authority have formulated a detailed strategy for the implementation of various development activities during the next two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Inland Waterways Authority has identified some problems and also given some suggestions to resolve them;

(d) if so, the details of that suggestions.

(e) how much amount UNDP is giving as assistance for this project; and

(f) by when and how this strategy will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir The Inland Waterways Authority of India have formulated a detailed policy/strategy for the development of inland waterways in the country. Under this policy, in order to expand the inland water trnsport network in the country, it is planned to develop the National Waterways No 1 to 3, i.e. the Ganga, the Brahmaputra and the West Coast Canal for the safe navigation and shipping by providing necessary infrastructural facilities like terminals, navigational aids, bank protection in narrow stretches etc. It is also proposed to study and examine the question of declaring few more waterways as National Waterways.